

Summary of Rockfish and Lingcod Management Area Regulations for 2002

CENTRAL ROCKFISH AND LINGCOD MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 40° 10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and Point Conception

Species	Time period	Depth limit	Daily bag limit	Size limit*
shelf and slope rockfish (all rockfish not defined as 'nearshore rockfish' in Section 1.90; see color pages)	open Jan-Feb and Jul-Aug	no depth restrictions	10 in combination of all rockfish species	-
	incidental take allowed in May-Jun and Sep-Oct	may only be taken in less than 120 ft	2 per person excluding bocaccio, canary and yelloweye	-
cowcod	no take allowed	-	0	-
yelloweye rockfish	open only Jan-Feb and Jul-Aug	no depth restrictions	2 per vessel; 1 per person	-
canary rockfish	open only Jan-Feb and Jul-Aug	no depth restrictions	1 per person	-
bocaccio	open only Jan-Feb and Jul-Aug	no depth restrictions	2 per person	10 " TL
lingcod	open Jan-Feb and Jul-Aug	no depth restrictions	2 per person	24 " TL
	open May-Jun and Sep-Oct	may only be taken in less than 120 ft	2 per person	24 " TL
nearshore rockfish (as defined in Section 1.90)	open Jan-Feb and Jul-Aug	no depth restrictions	10 in combination of all rockfish species	
	open May-Jun and Sep-Oct	may only be taken in less than 120 ft	10 in combination of all rockfish species	
cabezon	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 per person	15 " TL
kelp and rock greenlings	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 of each greenling species	12 " TL
California sheephead	open all year	no depth restrictions	5 per person	12 " TL
ocean whitefish	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 per person	-
California scorpionfish	open Jan-Feb and July-August	no depth restrictions	10 per person	10 " TL
	open May-Jun and Sept-Oct	may only be taken in less than 120 ft	10 per person	10 " TL

NORTHERN ROCKFISH AND LINGCOD MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between 40° 10' N. latitude (near Cape Mendocino) and the Oregon border

Species	Time period	Depth limit	Daily bag limit	Size limit*
shelf, slope and nearshore rockfish	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 in combination of all rockfish species	-
cowcod	no take allowed	-	0	-
yelloweye rockfish	open all year	no depth restrictions	2 per vessel; 1 per person	-
canary rockfish	open all year	no depth restrictions	1 per person	-
bocaccio	open all year	no depth restrictions	2 per person	10 " TL
lingcod	open all year	no depth restrictions	2 per person	24 " TL
cabezon	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 per person	15 " TL
kelp and rock greenlings	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 of each greenling species	12 " TL
California sheephead	open all year	no depth restrictions	5 per person	12 " TL
ocean whitefish	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 per person	-
California scorpionfish	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 per person	10 " TL

* See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths

SOUTHERN ROCKFISH AND LINGCOD MANAGEMENT AREA

Ocean waters between Point Conception and the Mexican border

Species	Time period	Depth limit	Daily bag limit	Size limit*
shelf, slope and nearshore rockfish	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	10 in combination of all rockfish species	-
cowcod	no take allowed	-	0	-
yelloweye rockfish	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	2 per vessel; 1 per person	-
canary rockfish	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	1 per person	-
bocaccio	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	2 per person	10 " TL
lingcod	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	2 per person	24 " TL
cabezon	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 per person	15 " TL
kelp and rock greenlings	open all year	no depth restrictions	10 of each greenling species	12 " TL
California sheephead	open all year	no depth restrictions	5 per person	12 " TL
ocean whitefish	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	10 per person	-
	Jan-Feb and Nov-Dec	may only be taken in less than 120 ft	10 per person	-
California scorpionfish	open Mar-Oct	no depth restrictions	10 per person	10 " TL

* See regulations for information on gear restrictions and fillet lengths

COWCOD CONSERVATION AREAS

These areas are defined in section 27.82 of the California Sport Fishing Regulations

Same regulations as **SOUTHERN ROCKFISH AND LINGCOD MANAGEMENT AREA** except all rockfish, lingcod, California scorpionfish, ocean whitefish, cabezon, California sheephead, and greenlings may not be taken or possessed while fishing in waters 20 fathoms or greater in depth within the Cowcod Conservation Areas.

**THESE REGULATIONS WERE ADOPTED BY THE FISH AND
GAME COMMISSION IN DECEMBER 2001 AND ARE
EFFECTIVE DURING 2002**